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## DLNR TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING ON PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT MA'ALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

KAHULUI – The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Engineering Division will hold a public information meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss a planned improvement project at Ma'alaea Small Boat harbor.

The meeting will take place at the ground floor of the "Sea Flight" building, Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor, 101 Ma'alaea Boat Harbor Road. DLNR Engineering and Boating and Ocean Recreation divisions staff and the project consultant will brief meeting attendees on the planned project and answer questions.

The project will include the construction of a new ferry terminal building at the end of the South Mole, a new comfort station, new waste water treatment system, sewer pump-outs, concrete paved parking areas and access roads, concrete piers, electrical, water and sewer utilities.

"Our small boat harbors offer a vital connection to recreational and commercial ocean activities. It is important that they be kept in good working condition. By repairing the heavily used Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor, the boaters, community and visitors will have a safer, cleaner and more hospitable facility, and enjoy greater access to the ocean that surrounds our islands," said Laura H. Thielen, DLNR chairperson.

This project, which will be funded through federal grants administered by the Federal Transit Administration and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and state funds, will re-build a major portion of the small boat harbor, replace badly deteriorated facilities, and correct public health and safety concerns. It will also provide the boaters with easily accessible sewer pump-out systems to dispose of their sewage instead of disposal by other means.

DLNR's Engineering Division will advertise this project for bids this month and open the bids in June 2010.

For more information call DOBOR at 587-0122.

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